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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES, AND  
METHODS FOR SAME

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Sir:

Please consider the following: Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend and add new claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for treating a [semiconductor] field effect transistor device comprising passivating said device with deuterium after conductive contacts of a source, drain and gate of said device have been fabricated.

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